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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Application  
of Manfred SPITZER, Stefan HAHN, Markus HESS,  
Ulrich KRESSEL, Siegfried ROTHE and Walter ZIEGLER  
Entitled "SYSTEM FOR ASSISTING THE OPERATOR OF A  
TECHNICAL APPLIANCE"  
Our Ref.: 3926.016

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the German language specification, claims, abstract; English language translation; and Preliminary Amendment. **The certified copy of the priority application will be filed at a later date.**

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Priority is claimed from October 29, 1999, based on German Application No. 199 52 506.4.

Respectfully submitted,

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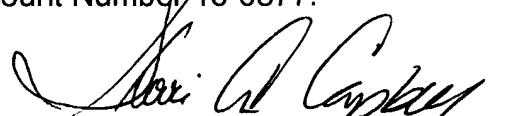
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